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In re application of:

LU et al.

Application No.: 09/737,246

Filed: December 13, 2000

For: CLASP-3 TRANSMEMBRANE
PROTEIN

Examiner: Bridget E. Bunner

Art Unit: 1647

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed January 11, 2002, please enter and consider the following. A one month extension of time is filed herewith as a separate paper.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has requested that Applicants elect one of inventions A through L under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Applicants elect A (claims 1-4, 6-15, and 30), drawn to an isolated CLASP-3 polynucleotide, an expression vector, a host cell system, and a method of producing a CLASP-2 polypeptide, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, without traverse.

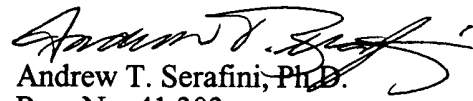
Applicants request that the application now be examined on the merits.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400, Ext. 5228.

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